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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UN ANNOUNCEMENT AT CONCLUSION OF EIGHTH CLERIDES-DENKTASHNEGOTIATING SESSION: BEGINTEXT. ON FEBRUARY 7 1975 AT THE LEDRA PALACE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE AREA, MR CLERIDES AND MR DENKTASH IN THE PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR WECKMANN-MUNOZ, THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, CONTINUED THEIR DISCUSSION ON THE QUESTION OF THE AIRPORT; THEIR VIEWS REMAINED APART. MR CLERIDES INFORMED MR DENKTASH THAT AT THE NEXT MEETING HE WILL GIVE HIM IN WRITING
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PROPOSALS FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

FOR ITS PART, THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON HUMANITARIAN MATTERS DISCUSSED ITEMS ON ITS AGENDA; IT ALSO RECEIVED FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AN INTERIM REPORT CONCERNING GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT MISSING PERSONS. MR CLERIDES AND MR DENKTASH, TOGETHER WITH AMBASSADOR WECKMANN-MUNOZ, AS WELL AS THE SUB-COMMITTEE, WILL MEET AGAIN ON MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY. END TEXT.

2. QUESTION SESSION FOLLOWING FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Q: DO YOU KNOW WHAT WAS MR DENKTASH'S RESPONSE TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR CLERIDES THAT HE WILL BE MAKING PROPOSALS IN WRITING FOR A CYPRUS SOLUTION?

A: HE WILL WAIT TO RECEIVE THEM MONDAY, I THINK.

Q: MR CLERIDES SAID THAT TODAY'S DISCUSSION ON THE AIRPORT WAS GOING TO BE THE LAST.

A: WELL I THINK HE HAS THAT VIEW, HE CONTINUES TO HAVE THAT VIEW...

Q: WILL THE ISSUE BE ON THE MONDAY AGENDA?

A: YES, IT WILL BE.

Q: DID THEY DISCUSS THE MATTER THOROUGHLY AND IF SO DID THEY TOUCH UPON WHAT MR ZENON ROSSIDES DESCRIBED AS AN AMERICAN-UN PROPOSAL FOR THE REOPENING OF THE AIRPORT?

A: THERE HAS BEEN NO SUCH JOINT US-UN PLAN OR PROPOSAL ON THE AIRPORT. THERE WAS A US PROPOSAL WHICH WAS GIVEN TO THE...OR, I THINK THEY CALLED IT "PLAN", WHICH WAS GIVEN TO THE TWO SIDES BUT THERE WAS NO SUCH THING THAT YOU COULD CHARACTERIZE AS US-UN PLAN.

Q: DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT WAS?

A: I THINK THE PRESS HAS SPECULATED ABOUT IT, I...I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING IN WRITING MYSELF.

Q: WAS THE AIRPORT THE ONLY ISSUE THEY DISCUSSED TODAY OR DID THEY TOUCH UPON OTHER ISSUES AS WELL?

A: WELL, THEY DISCUSSED OTHER HUMANITARIAN ISSUES BACK AND FORTH WITH THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

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Q: HAS MR DENKTASH MADE ANY PROPOSALS AND ARE CLERIDES' PROPOSALS GOING TO BE A RESPONSE TO THOSE?

A: I WAS NOT GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT MR CLERIDES' PROPOSALS WILL BE REACTIONS TO ANYTHING. THESE WILL BE PROPOSALS OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE.

Q: YOU SAID THAT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A JOINT US-UN

PLAN FOR THE AIRPORT. HAS THE UN BEEN INVOLVED AT ANY STAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE AMERICAN PLAN?

A: NO, BECAUSE YOU SEE IT WAS IN THE MEETING, THIS PLAN WAS SUBMITTED IN THE MEETING.

Q: BY THE UN?

A: NO, NO. IT WAS NOT SUBMITTED BY THE UN OR THROUGH THE UN. IT WAS GIVEN APPARENTLY BY THE AMERICAN SIDE...WHOEVER REPRESENTED IT...TO THE TWO NEGOTIATORS.

Q: COULD YOU SAY THAT THERE WAS INITIAL AGREEMENT ON THAT AMERICAN PLAN FOR THE REOPENING OF THE AIRPORT?

A: I COULDN'T SAY. I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY WHETHER THERE WAS INITIAL AGREEMENT OR NOT ON IT.

Q: DOES THIS INDICATE AN EXTENSION OF THE TALKS TO A FOUR PARTY CONFERENCE WITH THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS?

A: I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE FOUR PARTIES.

Q: ARE DISCUSSIONS GOING TO TAKE PLACE ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM?

A: THIS, PRESUMABLY...THE PROPOSAL THAT MR CLERIDES WILL SUBMIT MONDAY WILL COVER THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF THE PROBLEM... IT WILL BE THE POSITION OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE.

Q: BUT UP TO NOW THEY HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE SUBSTANCE.

A: WELL THEY HAVE ON AND OFF YOU KNOW AND WE HAVE REFERRED TO...THE TURKS, THEY HAVE RECEIVED ADVICE FROM THE EXPERT WHO CAME FROM ANKARA AND WENT BACK AND HE IS PREPARING HIS DRAFT, WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH THAT.

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Q: WHEN IS MR WECKMAN LEAVING?

A: ON THE 18TH OF THIS MONTH FOR BAGHDAD, FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL. HIS ABSENCE WILL BE BRIEF AND WILL NOT AFFECT THE TALKS. HE WILL BE COMING BACK EITHER ON THE 21ST OR THE 22ND. HE WILL TRAVEL WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ATHENS AND ANKARA.
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